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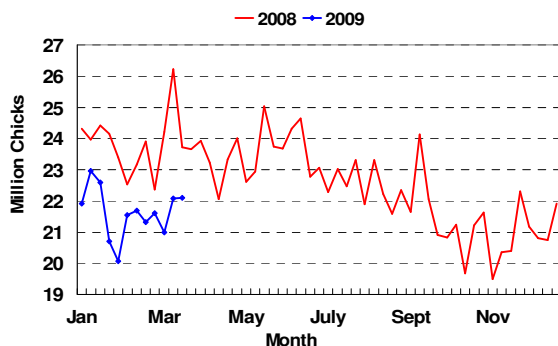
### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 7 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.1 million during the week ending March 21, 2009. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but virtually unchanged from the previous week.

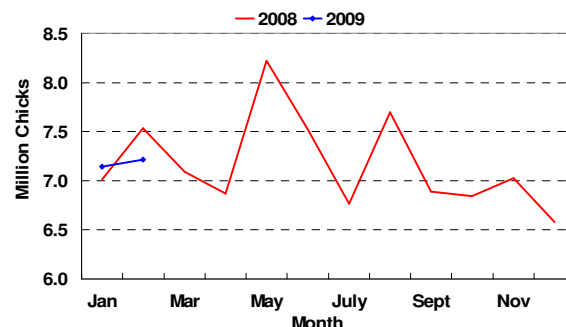
Arkansas hatcheries set 22.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 21, 2009, down 16 percent from the same period last year and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.22 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2009, down 4 percent from February 2008.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas, 2008-2009



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed For Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2008-2009



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 21, 2009 - March 21, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	28,950	29,426 *	28,891	28,575	29,734	20,365	20,085	20,962	19,791 *	19,798
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>24,943</b>	<b>25,098 *</b>	<b>24,558</b>	<b>23,551</b>	<b>22,783</b>	<b>21,320</b>	<b>21,596</b>	<b>20,983</b>	<b>22,082</b>	<b>22,095</b>
Delaware	3,466	3,703	3,558	3,525	3,454	4,656	4,655	4,846	4,517	5,014
Florida	995	973 *	1,005	987	970	741	741	741	724	704
Georgia	32,818	33,109	31,724 *	31,779 *	30,699	26,910	26,289	26,442	27,577	28,238
Kentucky	7,178	7,961 *	7,830	7,452	7,780	4,498	5,993	6,720	6,129	6,732
Louisiana	3,470	3,470	2,230	2,230	2,230	3,655	3,331	3,240	3,196	3,465
Maryland	8,866	9,047	8,851	9,204	8,572	5,217	5,307	5,364	6,158 *	6,640
Mississippi	17,891	17,894	18,035	18,129	17,779	15,655	16,135	16,579	16,793	16,762
N. Carolina	18,382 *	18,527 *	18,882	19,218	18,967	15,507	15,443	15,024	15,048	15,383
Oklahoma	6,726	6,408 *	6,888	6,752	6,649	4,529	4,470 *	5,373	4,282	3,999
Pennsylvania	4,190	4,168	4,148 *	4,057 *	4,032	3,121	3,111	2,796 *	3,250 *	3,242
S. Carolina	5,789	5,628	5,436	5,941	5,805	4,543	5,664	4,844	4,659	4,602
Texas	15,558	15,624	15,622	15,417	14,864	12,640	13,189	13,336	13,285	13,287
Virginia	5,943	5,939	5,954	5,969 *	5,989	4,512	4,303	4,885	4,873 *	4,308
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,292 *	19,739 *	19,128 *	19,242 *	19,211	15,562 *	16,183 *	15,371 *	16,942 *	16,784
19 State Total	204,457 *	206,714 *	202,740 *	202,028 *	199,518	163,431 *	166,495 *	167,506 *	169,306 *	171,053
Prev. Year Total	219,311	219,830	219,337	219,153	215,850	178,240	177,627	179,798	180,426	181,091
% of Prev. Year	93	94	92	92	92	92	94	93	94	94

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 8 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2009. This was down 8 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2009. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through March 21, 2009 were 2.01 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.